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VISIT TO SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI

FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM REPORT FROM POLITICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO
QUANG NGAI REGARDING VISIT BY ICCS AND FPJMC REPRESENTATIVES TO
SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI:

1. FULL DELEGATIONS FROM ICCS AND FPJMC IN SAIGON, ACCOMPANIED
BY US AND GVN REPRESENTATIVES FROM FPJMC CHU LAI AND DANANG,
SPENT THE ENTIRE DAY OF MARCH 15 VISITING THE AREA OF PROPOSED
PRISONER EXCHANGE IN DUC PHO DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI. ICCS AND
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FPJMC HELICOPTERS LANDED DURING THE MORNING AT HIEP AN HAMLET, (BS 750456) TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF QL-1 ON HIGHWAY 515. DELEGATES THEN WALKED FIVE KILOMETERS WEST TO VAC LY HAMLET IN THE AREA CLAIMED BY THE PRG. A SMALL GATHERING OF NLF CADRE AND SYMPATHIZERS AT VAN LY REPORTEDLY GREETED GVN MEMBERS OF FPJMC WITH CHANTS OF " DOWN WITH PUPPET REGIME OF PRESIDENT THIEU." DELEGATES LATER WALKED BACK TO HIEP AN.

2. POLITICAL OFFICER ARRIVED AT HIEP AN JUST AS DELEGATES WERE PREPARING TO LEAVE AND IN TIME TO WITNESS A CROWD OF LOCAL VILLAGERS SHOUT CHANTS OF " DOWN WITH THE COMMUNISTS." IN A BRIEF MOMENT OF CONFUSION SEVERAL DEMONSTRATOR BEGAN TO HURL ROCKS AND STICKS AT THE DEPARTING DRV AND PRG PERSONNEL. ONE STICK-WIELDING DEMONSTRATOR MANAGED TO STRIKE ONE DRV DELEGATE ON THE HEAD BEFORE THE PROVINCE CHIEF, DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND MILITARY POLICE SUCCEEDED IN PUSHING THE CROWD BACK. DEMONSTRATORS CONTINUED TO CHANT AS THE DELEGATES BOARDED HELICOPTERS. THE EXTENT OF THE DRV DELEGATES INJURIES COULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED, THOUGH HE APPEARED TO BE IN CONSIDERABLE PAIN.
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